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Majority in any society defines its institutions

Three cheers for columnist Jeff Jacoby

("Marriage has already defied new meanings," Commentary, July 18). In his column regarding the traditional definition of marriage as a joining of one man and one woman "unrelated," he has hit the nail on the head.

Any society or culture has the right and the obligation to define its institutions as its majority desires. That is what defines a society and becomes part of the social contract into which its members are born and which they must accept.

If some members of the society (e.g., homosexuals) choose not to accept these norms, then they have the options of gritting their teeth or establishing another social entity on a desert island. For too long American society has had the tail wagging the dog. Ethnic, homosexual, racial and religious groups are all too frequently claiming extra-constitutional rights which do not exist in the Constitution or law. Just because such groups want the social order warped to fit their life preferences or views does not make it incumbent upon the rest of American (and Western) culture to change its social norms.

— **Howard B. Wallitt**
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The alternate master clock used to reside in Richmond, Fla. Falcon was chosen as its new home because of another base resident: the Global Positioning System, a satellite navigation system. GPS satellites will be periodically updated with time information from the clock, if needed.

Since last fall, officials have been installing and testing the clock in preparation for its debut.

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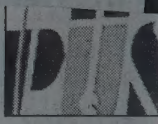

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Gunman breaks in, robs residents

Gazette Telegraph

A man kicked in the door of a northside Colorado Springs apartment Tuesday afternoon and robbed its occupants at gunpoint, according to Colorado

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